



Congresswoman Bean volunteers at a local food bank on Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

Congresswoman Bean spent much of January meeting with community groups and individuals to learn about issues important to her constituents and inform them about legislation currently before Congress. Speaking engagements and question-and-answer sessions at the Schaumburg/Hoffman Estates Rotary, the Schaumburg Business Development Coalition, and the Lake Zurich Area Chamber of Commerce Evening of Excellence Banquet focused on small businesses and job creation. The Congresswoman spoke about fitness and healthy eating to students at Wauconda Grade School, where she was honored for her efforts to secure federal funding for the Wauconda Obesity Prevention Program through Advocate Good Shepherd Hospital. She also spoke to the Mundelein High School Advanced Placement Government class about her duties as their U.S. Representative. The Congresswoman met with leaders of Harper College, with whom she discussed the school's unique workforce initiatives, and Roosevelt University, where she learned about the new College of Pharmacy. She attended a dinner sponsored by the Federation of Indian Associations in celebration of India's 60th Republic Day. On Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, the Congresswoman honored Dr. King's legacy of service by volunteering at a food bank with members of the Youth Conservation Corps' YouthBuild Waukegan program.

In addition to her events in the community, the Congresswoman appeared on local television to discuss [her efforts](#) to ensure that children's toys are free of the hazardous substance cadmium.